

[Since the Environment Commission Meeting of November 1, 2012 lacked a quorum, no official meeting minutes were recorded. Below is a summary of the conversations that took place during the meeting]

**Rockville Environment Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, November 1, 2012
Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue**

Attendance

Commissioners Present: John Becker, Julie Palakovich Carr, Beri Kravitz, and Clark Reed

Commissioners Absent: Steve Cardon, Kris Dighe, Alicia Hosmer, Devinie Lye, and Lea Rosenbohm

Guests: Herb Winkler, Resident

Eric Coffman, Senior Energy Planner, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection

Mark Charles, Environmental Management

Erica Shingara, Environmental Management

Briefing on Montgomery County Energy Initiatives

Eric Coffman explained a variety of energy initiatives being pursued by the County, including a 25% reduction in commercial energy usage by 2020. The County has targeted 10-15 specific buildings to accomplish this task and is working on implementation guidance. The County has also commissioned a multi-family energy study (via a contract with ICF International). The County invites Rockville to participate. The County ultimately believes many buildings could reduce their energy usage by 46%. It may sponsor a voluntary commercial energy challenge for businesses and multi-family structures. The County is also exploring finance options to help with cost share on some retrofits. It also expect to increase its promotion of the Green Building Tax credit currently available (only \$2 million of \$4 million has been requested). The County may also approach PEPCO seeking a community partnership. Finally, the County is working on an *energy scorecard* to be offered on residential homes for sale.

Multi-City Commission Meeting

There was also a briefing and short Q&A on the October 18 Environmental Boards and Commissions Multi-City Meeting held at the College Park City Hall, 4500 Knox Road. Commissioners Clark Reed and Lea Rosenbohm attended. They discussed College Park's Infrared Meter Loan program, Greenbelt's participation in the Solar Decathlon, Mt. Rainier's *Sustainable Maryland Certification Award*, green lawn care products, and chickens and land use. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for April 18, 2013.

Committee Reports

Commissioners Dighe and Lye are joining the Outreach Committee.

Environmental Management Staff Report

- Mark Charles described the organization and responsibilities in Environmental Management.
- Mark presented a brief update on the status of the project to amend City Code Chapter 19 (stormwater management and sediment control).
- The City Manager is scheduled to attend the January 3, 2013 Commission meeting.

Announcements

- The *Rockville Summit* is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 from 9:00-11:30 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater.

Next Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting is *tentatively* scheduled for **Thursday, December 6, 2012** at **7:30 pm** in the **Diamondback Conference Room** of the **Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue**, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. The public is invited to attend.